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INSTITUTE PLANNED FOR CHARLEROI NEXT YEAR

Movement Started for Local Schools by Directors

ON THE MONESSEN IDEA

Educational Committee to Make Investigations---Officers Elected

The first move towards the holding of a teacher's institute in Charleroi next year, similar to the one that is being held in Monessen this week, was made Wednesday night at the meeting of the Charleroi school board. Prof. Thomas L. Pollock, superintendent of schools made the suggestion to the board and it was discussed to some extent. The educational committee was instructed to investigate, and to report. If the institute is held ways and means will have to be provided. Also the new school building on Crest avenue will have to be finished affording the use of an auditorium.

The matter of reorganization for the nsuing year was taken up, the board having been unable to proceed to this matter in Monday night. By law school boards of the second, third and fourth class are compelled to meet the first part of December for the purpose of organization, t he definite time being fixed as the first Monday of December. There was a lack of a quorum so reorganization was effected Wednesday night at the regular meeting.

W. D. Pollock was re-elected president, H. J. Booth, vice president.

The report of Treasurer K. W. Daly was received. It is summarized as follows:

Balance from last report	$33,754.11
Receipts	$12,783.31
Total	$46,537.42
Disbursements	9,400.00
Balance	$37,137.38

PROGRAM AT THE STAR THEATRE

Week of December 2 to 7:

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Will Build 103 Houses

Monongahela Firm Gets Contract From Pittsburgh Coal Company

The Pittsburg Coal company has awarded the contract for the erection of 103 double houses for miners to the Monongahela Saw and Planing Mill company. The contract approximates $160,000. All the houses but ten will be built in the Yough valley. These ten will be erected at Manown. Arrangements are being made to begin at once on the work.

NOTABLE MEN ARE SPEAKERS

Monessen Teachers' Institute of Unusual Interest

HUNDREDS PRESENT

Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, head of the Pennsylvania State College and one of the best known educators in the State, was one of the speakers at the Monessen Teacher's institute this morning. Dr. F. H. Green of West Chester, who has proved a favorite at the local institute as well as at various other institutes over the State, was the other speaker. Both men speak this afternoon and tonight the Euclid Male Quartet will give a concert.

Tomorrow morning Prof. W. S. Hertzog, principal of California State Normal school will deliver an address to the teachers; also Prof. C. B. Robertson of the University of Pittsburg.

Wednesday night Ex-Gov. J. Frank Hanly of Indiana spoke to a crowded house on "The Well Disarmed," it being his second address in the course of the institute, having made an address Monday night. The Opera House is being crowded for all the sessions. Wednesday afternoon the Charleroi teachers went in a body to attend the afternoon meeting.

The Ladies of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church will hold a Bazaar in the basement of the church Thursday evening, Dec. 5th and Friday and Saturday afternoon and evenings, Dec. 6th and 7th. Also a market consisting of home-made pasteries and candies. 109-t8

The Winter Club.

Regular weekly dance Thursday night, December 5. Might's Auditorium. Select. 113-t2

Penny Xmas Postcards at Might's Book and Toy store. 113-t4

Attend the Bazaar at the M. E. church Thursday and Friday. 1-tp

IRON WHEEL DOES SERIOUS DAMAGE

Boys Start It Down Hill and It Tears Through Fences and a Grape Arbor to Wedge Itself in Dwelling House

School boys are charged with having rolled a heavy iron disk, about as large as a manhole cover and of similar size, down the hill from "The Pines" into the rear of the dwelling of Andrew McKean of Lincoln avenue Wednesday night. The iron left a deep dinge in the framework of the house. The police are looking for the boys.

The big disk was removed it is stated from a grating on Crest avenue and Fourth street. It was taken to the hillside above the McKean home, and either through malice or through accident started down the hill. It tore through a stout wire fence like so much cord, leaped the fence at the back of the McKean home and rammed its way through the grape arbor, breaking two by four bars as though they were laths. Then it plunged its way headlong into the building, where its progress was arrested.

Had the iron been given free rein and not been hampered by the fence and grape arbor, it would probably have gone clear through the side of the house and into the kitchen.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR CHOSEN

L. C. B. A. Select Persons to Occupy Chairs During Ensuing Term

The annual election of officers for 1913 of Branch No. 782, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Asosciation, held at their regular meeting Wednesday evening, resulted as follows:

Spiritual adviser, Rev. W. D. Fries; past president, Miss Anna M. Sullivan; president, Mrs. Margaret Shields; first vice president, Mrs. Lena Bailey; second vice president, Mrs. Irene Gray; financial secretary, Miss Julia V. Sullivan, treasurer, Miss Nora Riley; recorder, Miss Sara Shields; assistant recorder, Mrs. Grace McKenna; marshal, Miss Stella Connelly; guard, Mrs. Mary Herron; trustees, Mrs. Sophia Stopp, Mrs. Mary Fiedler, Mrs. Mary Bezy, Mrs. Margaret Fries.

The Branch is in a very prosperous condition. Two new members were added to the roll Wednesday evening. A series of euchres will be started in January.

METHODIST WOMEN'S BAZAR STARTS TODAY

For several years past the Ladies League of the Methodist Episcopal church have held a bazaar for the sale of useful and fancy articles at this time of the year but this year they have planned a decided innovation. Heretofore the men of the church have not had a prominent part in the affair. This year, however, they are to have a prominent place in the sales department. A committee with H. J. Booth as chairman, have on sale a variety of useful articles in this bazaar that is being held today and tomorrow in the lecture room of the church on Sixth street and Lincoln avenue, and will in all probability be the center of attraction in the whole affair.

Apart from this there are several notable features. The league under the presidency of Mrs. F. J. John, have been busy for months past preparing for the event. That they have been successful is evident when one sees the array of beautiful and useful articles on sale. In addition t here is on sale numerous products of the culinary art. The whole affair promises to be a great success.

Best ever, Xmas Penny Postcards at Might's Book and Toy Store. 113-t4

DONORA BUSINESS MEN BANQUET

Board of Trade Entertains at First Annual Affair---Local Men Present

At the annual banquet of the Donora chamber of commerce held at the Indiana hotel Wednesday evening, more than 150 men sat down. The occasion proved a most enjoyable one and the feature of the evening was the attractive list of toasts which had been prepared.

The toastmaster of the evening was E. C. Morrison and addresses were made by G. W. Dudderar, managing secretary of the Washington Board of Trade; Prof. Edward Sergent, of New Castle; E. C. Sattley of Monesen; County Commissioners A. P. Barnum, Thomas Hill and John A. Berry; Prothonotary A. V. Lewis; Clerk of Courts W. F. Lockhart and Chief Clerk to the Commissioners H. R. Campbell, John B. Schafer and Charles O. Frye of Charleroi. Mr. Schafer talked on the "Public Playgrounds," and told of the work in that line which had been accomplished in Charleroi. Mr. Frye spoke on the three essentials necessary to the economic progress of this country, "Better Citizenship, Better Farming and Better Banking."

TROUBADOURS TO GIVE A CONCERT

Invitations have been issued by a committee of Charleroi Lodge, No. 494, B. P. O. Elks, for a musical entertainment and dance to be given at the Elks' club house, on Tuesday evening, December 10. The Troubadours Amusement company is to give a concert and to play for the dance which is to follow. An excellent program of musical numbers will be rendered consisting of the following: "Ungarische Lustspiel," by Keler Bela; spoken songs, "Just a Wearyin' for You," "Some Day When Dreams Come True," "See Saw;" "The Butterfly," Theo. Bendix, flute solo; "Alpine Violets," Ludwig Andre; Amphitheatre scene, from "The Last Days of Pompeii"; harp solo; "Mazurka de Concert," Ovide Mussin, violin solo; impersonations, old men, types of negros, small children and boys; "Bridal Rose," Lavelle.

The committee consists of Harry C. Hormell, Fred W. Brady, Seward H. Might, O. B. Clutter, and Edgar B. Hastings.

Attend the Bazaar at the M. E. church Thursday and Friday. 1-tp

REPUBLICANS SPEND $3,278 IN CAMPAIGN

Expense Account Filed By Treasurer Eagleson

MATTHEWS GAVE $500

Several Individuals Contributed Heavily--Charleroi Meeting Costly

James P. Eagleson, treasurer of the Republican county committee, filed the expense account of the last campaign with Clerk of Courts Lockhart at Washington Wednesday.

The contributions, including a small balance, amounted to $3,278.03. This was all paid out with the exception of $41.03. The account shows as did the Washington and Democratic party accounts, no money paid out for watchers. This is the first time that expense accounts did not show large sums for watchers. The contributions were limited to a few, and were made chiefly by candidates and county officials.

William Feeney, the defeated Republican candidate for the legislature, spent $114.75. He received no contributions. His expenses covered printing, traveling and hotel expenses, stamps and stationary.

Ralph M. Allison, defeated Republican candidate for the legislature spent $218.75. He received no contributionss. He gave $150 to James P. Eagleson, treasurer of the Republican county committee. The balance was spent for printing, postage, advertising, typewriting, hotel bills, etc. D. M. McCloskey, treasurer of the Charleroi Republican club, filed his expense account Wednesday. It shows that the Charleroi Republican leaders rallied around their party's standard. The club received $580 in contributions and expended $410.53. Governor Tener contributed $100 toward the demonstration and the balance was given by business people about town.

New Case of Diphtheria

Spread of Contagion Reported to Local Health Authorities

One new case of diphtheria has been reported, the afflicted being a foreign woman living at 911 Prospect avenue. That makes four now in the borough. It is thought by some that the disease was brought here from Monessen, where there has been an epidemic in progress.

PRETTY ROMANCE AT END

Nurse Leaves to Become Bride of Honduras Engineer

BELONGED TO NOBILITY

A countess, born and bred to a position of refinement and ease in English, by the unkind disposition of fate put in position where she was forced to earn her own living, Miss Ethel Josephine Jarvis, of Brownsville, now a trained nurse, is the principle figure in a pretty romance that will have its culmination in a wedding in British Honduras with Miss Jarvis as the bride. The groom will be William E. Ridding, a former young British army officer, now employed as a civil engineer for the British government in Honduras.

Fifteen years ago the troth of the couple was plighted. A United States wildcat mining venture lost for the family of Miss Jarvis practically all its fortune. She concluded to come to the United States to work out her destiny. Young Ridding was sent on a mission by his government to Egpt, the marriage for which arrangements had been so happily in progress being postponed indefinitely. Previous to coming to America Miss Jarvis secured some training in the St. Thomas hospital in London.

Distance proved detrimental to courtship. Miss Jarvis entered the training school for nurses at Uniontown. Her finance was so situated that they could not even correspond, and for a time neither knew where the other was. Then upon the expiration of his term of service in Egypt Ridding secured the commission of assistant engineer of construction on the English government railroad in British Honduras, Central America.

Not until then did Miss Jarvis hear from her bethrothed. Te told in a letter of his success and renewed his vow. Now she is on her way to Central America to join him. She will probably arrive about December 14 at Stann Creek, and there the marriage will take place.

DOCTORS ARRANGE DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Washington County Medical society will be held on Monday, December 9, at Washington. The scientific program to be rendered will be as follows: "Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Cholecystiyis," Dr. H. J. Repman, of Charleroi; Diagnosis of Malignant Disease of the Liver and Biliary Tract," T. F. Cashman; The Clinical Significance of Jaundice," C. F. Harsha. At the last meeting officers were elected. They are: President, C. C. Cracraft, Claysville; vice president, W. D. Teagarden, Washington; secretary-tresaurer, A. E. Thompson, of Washington. Dr. J. W. Hunter of Charleroi was the previous president.

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REVISION IN SIGHT.

It is now definitely decided that a bill will be introduced in the legislature this winter providing for a constitutional convention to revise the constitution. Action to this effect was taken by the legislative committee appointed by the Republican state convention to draft bills to conform to the platform pledges at a meeting in Philadelphia this week. As the measure will have powerful backing, it is altogether probable that it will pass through. Then a convention will be called and the various proposed changes drafted. Then the proposed changes will be submitted to a referendum of the votes of the state, and it will require a majority vote of the electors to incorporate the changes into law.

The present constitution has been in effect thirty-eight years having been adopted in 1874. Since that time big changes have been made in the political economy that affects the general welfore of the public. When the constitution was adopted, the state was not nearly so highly developed in a material way as it is today, and public affairs were more simple and less complicated. Then the rural population was the largest, and the provisions of the constitution were framed accordingly, particularly with a view of developing the industrial sections and providing for their extensions. Now the population of the towns and cities overshodows the rural population, with new and complicated conditions.

When the present stateconstitution was adopted there were no trolley lines in existence, and the provisions governing transportation largely applies to steam railroads. There were no telephone corporations in existence then, and the transmission of light, heat and power by natural gas and electricity was not then dreamed of. As a result much of the fundamental law of the state at the present time is based on court decisions, which have been attained through long and costly process of litigation, with construction to make them comply with the constitutions that are startling and strange. Some states have a provision for revising their constitutions every twenty years, which keep them abreast with the times. A revision of our constitutioon is necessary and it must be made before many of the desired reforms now demanded can be accomplished.

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A BRIDES' SCHOOL.

While the State Federation of Women's Clubs of Pennsylvania are recommending that the club women of the state agitate for a department of household economics in State College for women, Kansas has 738 girls taking the courses in what is facetiously termed the "brides' school" at the Kansas Agricultural College. This course was organized three years ago as the direct result from observations by Governor Stubbs, who saw the same necessity for training young women as scientific home makers as for training the young men to become scientific farmers. It is stated that out of the 738 girls in the Kansas "brides' school," fully 500 of them are engaged to be married as soon as they graduate.

The "brides' school" is a real home-making school. The girls are taught domestic sciencethoroughly, the preparation of all foods and in every conceivable manner and to be served in dozens of different ways. They do it practically, too, by cooking for the college professors. The girls are divided into groups and one of each group is the managerfor a week. She does all the buying for one meal a day, six days in the week. Another does the cooking while another helps. Two look after the table decorations and are the waitresses. The groups change around each week. The college professors eat their lunches and pay the actual cost for the foods and the girls get the practice.

Then there are classes in sowing in all its branches, making everything a woman wears and some of the things men wear, and including reparing and sewing on buttons. It is a department similar to this that the Federation of Women's Clubs hope to get installed in our own State College, and they will do well to pattern after Kansas, which as usual is several laps ahead of Pennsylvania in providing beneficial institutions for its citizens.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

In mortal dread
We spend our lives;
We even fear
A crop of hives.

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Flag Him, Ella.

A nice little maiden named Ella
Got engaged to a spooney young fella
"You're my own turtle dove,
The one that I love,"
By the hour he would tella and tella.

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Whenever some folks see the initials "J. P." standing out prominently and alone, they jump to the conclusion that they mean Jupiter Pluvius or Justice of the Peace, when as a matter of fact they more often refer to J. Pierpont, whose last name is Morgan.

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Contrary to the general opinion the Macedonian doesn't need help.

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No, Madge, they don't wear hobbles in Bulgaria.

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The Democrat demand for happiness is "Give us back those post-offices."

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Considering they evenlost the post-office, the Uniontown Democrats are trying to figure out just what good the change of administration will do them.

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At least the men who ask the barkeep for a stiff dose of stomach bitters can lay claim to being half way original.

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The girl who used to be Alice Roosevelt must be having a tough time leading a peaceful domestic life with her father the apostle and big chief of the scrappy Progressive party, and her husband a Republican with nerve.

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It seems as if some newspapers take a certain pride in stating as often as possible exactly how the original John Jacob Astor got his fortune.

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They let Jack Johnson marry his white girl. Wonder if she feels very proud of her husband?

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The most of writers can now describe with a chance of hitting it once in ten tries where the Bulgarian boundary is.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"We have had an increase in our income," said a Charleroi citizen this morning. "We have got a raise of eight cents a day."

"How is that?" asked a neighbor who happened to be present when the remark was made.

"Why, our hens laid two eggs day before yesterday, and two yesterday. Fresh eggs are worth four cents apiece now, you know. However, I need the raise, as I am helping to support two doctors at the present time and I'm hoping that we'll soon be getting three eggs a day instead of two."

In an eulogy of the late supreme court justice, a Chicago lawyer said: "John M. Harlan had a way of pointing an observation with a story. Once he wanted to rebuke a man for exaggeration, so he said he was as bad as a Pittsburg millionaire who was being interviewed by a New York reporter.

"'Where, sir, were you born?' the reporter, as he sharpened his pencil, asked.

"'I was born in Pittsburg,' said the millionaire.

"'And when did you first—er—see the light of day?'

"'When I was nine,' the millionaire replied. 'My people then moved to Philadelphia.'"

Saw a Profit.

The artistic temperament often leads toward poverty, but it frequently compensates its victim with a saving grace of humor which makes even the poverty a source of fun. A young woman who was possessed of the temperament and had given up everything else for it suddenly sold a picture for a considerable sum and made haste to apply the proceeds as a first payment on a small cottage she had long desired. The former owner attempted to advise her about the neighbors.

"Now, that couple next door," he said warningly, "they are right good neighbors, friendly and all that, but keep your eyes open. If they see a chance to make a hundred dollars out of you they won't hesitate to do it."

"Fine, fine!" cried the young woman "I'm going over now and see if I can't get them to do it on shares."

TROUBLES OF THE EAR.

Many of Them Are Caused by Abuses of Some Kind.

The best way to care for the ear is to study the things not to do It is one of the most independent of organs knowing very well how to take care of itself If it is duly respected little trouble or none will result. In cases where something unforeseen goes wrong a physician should be consulted at once.

Almost all troubles of the ear are due to abuses of some kind The wax seems to worry a great many people and in their concern they usually manage to seriously interfere with its functions In the healthy ear the wax or cerumen, is a thin yellowish fluid that thickens into a paste as it dries Nature provides for its natural exit from the ear passage by uniting it with the tiny flakes of dead skin which fall outward unnoticed either by seeing or feeling Thus wax does not accumulate in a healthy ear, which has just enough to make sticky the stiff little hairs that grow in the passage

Instruments should never be poked into the ear by the inexperienced nor wads of material continually mopped and squeezed into the opening for cleansing. Usually such treatment induces an increase or caking of wax Hot water is the best solvent for wax. 105 to 115 degrees F. If the need of it is imperative gently syringe the ear with it. Cotton plugs in the ear are useful at times, but should be used no more than absolutely necessary, for they obstruct the canal and interfere with the natural way of casting off wax.—Exchange

THE SUN AS AN ARTIST.

Discovery Upon Which Turn All the Wonders of Photography.

There is a wide variety in the pace at which the sun can give a color or change it. A winter apple may be a month in reaching its ruddiness, a peach may take only one week to flush into its mantle of maturity, but the most nimble work of the solar ray in its decoration of fruit and flower is not to be compared with what it accomplishes in other departments When its power was brought to bear upon some familiar chemicals it was found that its action was reduced from days to seconds

Upon this discovery turn all the wonders of photography. At first silver nitrate—or lunar caustic, as it was commonly called—was used in the camera From time to time other substances of greater and greater sensitiveness to light have been produced, every one of them successively giving the solar beam a wider play and more astonishing power

Today, with the exposure of a photographic plate, not only are the beatings of an insect's wings caught in the camera, but also the path of a cannonball, the skyward flight of exploded rock, and the sinuous glint of lightning.—Chicago Record Herald.

Laugh and Live Long.

It has been aptly said that there is not the remotest corner of the inlet of the minute blood vessels of the human body that does not feel some wavelet from the convulsions occasioned by good hearty laughter. The life principle of the central man is shaken to its innermost depths, sending new tides of life and strength to the surface, thus materially tending to insure good health to the persons who indulge therein. The blood moves more rapidly and conveys a different impression to all the organs of the body as it visits them on that particular mystic journey when the man is laughing from that conveyed at other times For this reason every good, hearty laugh in which a person indulges tends to lengthen his life, conveying as it does new and distinct stimulus to the vital forces.

What Wellington Was Doing.

When Sir John Steell, the sculptor, had the Iron Duke sitting for a statue he tried to induce him to look warlike. All his efforts were in vain, however, for Wellington seemed, judging by his face, never to have heard of Waterloo or Talavera. At last Sir John lost his patience. "As I am going to make this statue of your grace," he exclaimed, "can you not tell me what you were doing before say, the battle of Salamanca? Were you not galloping about the field, cheering on your men to deeds of valor by words and action?"

"Bah!" said the duke in evident scorn. "If you really want to model me as I was on the morning of Salamanca, then do me crawling along a ditch on my stomach with a telescope in my hand!"

Suspicious Fervor.

"Well, brother," said the deacon, "that was a fine prayer you made last night."

"Thank you, deacon. I am very glad to hear you say so."

"Yes, it was a splendid prayer, long and fervent. And, say, what have you been doing anyway? You can confide in me with the utmost confidence. I wouldn't betray you for anything in the world."—Chicago Record-Herald

Willing.

"Now," began the philosopher, "take the life of your neighbor, for instance He"—

"I'd do it in a minute," interrupted the practical man, "if the law would not interfere. He's learning to play the cornet."

Chocolate.

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Cigars and Income.

Editorial query: Are the author's data correct? Check yourself and see.

A dollar a day man smokes three for 5 cents cigars

Two dollar a day man smokes five cent cigars.

Four dollar a day man smokes ten cent cigars.

Eight dollar a day man smokes three for 50 cents cigars.

Sixteen dollar a day man smokes twenty-five cent cigars.

Thirty-two dollar a day man smokes three for 50 cents cigars.

Sixty-four dollar a day man smokes ten cent cigars

One hundred and twenty-eight dollar a day man smokes five cent cigars.

Two hundred and fifty-six dollar a day man smokes three for 5 cents cigars.

Editorial query No. 2: If the author's data are correct what's the answer.—New York World.

Too Strong.

A young woman from the west who lately has been admitted to the intimacy of "the artistic set" of Washington recently made this query of an artist with reference to the work of a fellow painter:

"Why does Blank stand off and half shut his eyes when he looks at the pictures he is painting? When I visited his studio the other day he made me do it too.

"The explanation is [illegible] said the other [illegible] look at it [illegible] open' "

—Ex.

Raleigh's Pipe.

A pipe with a history is in the possession of a collector in London. It was once the property of Sir Walter Raleigh and is not unlike the letter "Y" in shape. For centuries it has been kept in an inlaid box dated "Anno 1527." It is constructed in four pieces of wood, rudely carved with dogs' heads and with the faces of Indians. On the bowl there is a cap about as large as the bowl itself, and attached to the stem is a string of beads made of the same wood as the pipe. In this stem a powerful whistle has been cut, and the suggestion is that Sir Walter used it to summon his servants. The Archaeological society exhibited this pipe at Guildhall in the middle of the last century, the inscription accompanying it bearing these words: "The original pipe of the above celebrated Historian of the World and who first introduced tobacco and potatoes into England." Tradition, corroborated by a parchment in the possession of the owner, states that this pipe was smoked by Sir Walter Raleigh on the scaffold just before his execution and handed to one of his relatives as a memento of him

A Tribute to Butter.

Many years ago when Senator Ingalls was in the senate, oleomargarine was the bone of contention. The debate led Ingalls to utter one of those epigrammatic sentences which made him famous "I have never, to my knowledge, tested oleomargarine," said Ingalls, "but I have stood in the presence of genuine butter with awe for its strength and reverence for its antiquity."

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Maddened by Census Questions.

Serious results followed the taking of the first census in Japan years ago. Observing with approval the work of western countries, the authorities thought it advisable to take statistics of population and for that purpose sent out to all householders notices enjoining them to furnish them with full particulars of their families, age, sex, etc. This step was misconstrued in one of the villages, where suspicion was expressed that Japan was about to be sold or at least some of the people were to be sold to foreigners who were desirous of ascertaining the number of males, etc., before closing the bargain in order to find out what price to pay according to the quantity of blood that would be forthcoming. It was a Japanese belief the foreigners squeezed the blood from all who came into their power. Excited and enraged mobs soon collected and attacked the village offices, and it was some time before order could be restored.—Argonaut.

Mexico's Goat.

To get your goat in Mexico has no meaning other than to lay unlawful hands on the quadruped. The goat is to Mexico what the sheep is to Australia and beef to old England, and more, because it is both meat and drink. The republic of bullfights and bandits could not get along without the humble little animal we have always associated with Harlem back yards and a diet of tin cans. Its flesh sells at 14 cents a pound, Mexican money, and a steaming stew of tender young kid is not to be despised by a hungry man. Every Mexican hotel serves goat meat in some form or other. A fat goat sells for $3 on the hoof, and a lean one brings only $1.50. The tallow sells at 12 cents a pound and is commonly used in place of lard. The skins are worth $1.50 each, and the milk retails at 12½ cents a quart.—New York Press

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The Democracy of Death.

In the democracy of the dead all men at last are equal. There is neither rank nor standing nor prerogative in the republic of the grave. At this fatal threshold the philosopher ceases to be wise, and the song of the poet is silent. Dives relinquishes his millions and Lazarus his rags. The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man is as poor as the pauper. The creditor loses his usury, and the debtor is acquitted of his obligation. There the proud man surrenders his dignities, the politician his honors, the worldling his pleasures. The invalid needs no physician, and the laborer rests from unrequited toil. Here at last is nature's final degree in equity. The wrongs of time are redressed, injustice is expiated, the irony of fate is refuted, the unequal distribution of wealth, honor, capacity, pleasure and opportunity which makes life so cruel and inexplicable ceases in the realm of death. The strongest there has no supremacy, and the weakest needs no defense. The mightiest captain succumbs to that invincible adversary, who disarms alike the victor and the vanquished.—John J. Ingalls.

Beauty Five Centuries Ago.

They have dug up an old beauty book in Italy, published 500 years ago, which laid down the following rules of the game:

"To be beautiful," says the work, "the women must have the following: Three white things—skin, hands and teeth. Three black things—eyes, eyelashes and eyebrows. Three pink things—lips, gums and nails. Three long things—life, hands and hair. Three short things—teeth, ears and tongue. Three wide things—forehead, shoulders and intelligence. Three narrow things—waist, mouth and ankle. Three delicate things—fingers, lips and mind. Three round things—arm, leg and dowry."

Things haven't changed so much in five centuries, have they? Or, let us say, that woman's beauty is immortal and immutable.—Albany Times-Union.

A Thoughtful French Wife.

Weary of life, a farmer went out to his barn and hanged himself. A little later his wife, entering the barn to feed some animals, saw her husband swinging from the rafters. Arguing that if, as it was natural to think, her husband intended to commit suicide he would be exasperated by the frustration of his intention, she left the body as it was and went on with the work of the farm. Several hours later in the evening, when her daughter came back from the fields, the woman told her what had happened. Mother and daughter deliberated for some time as to what ought to be done and finally decided to inform the mayor. When that official came in haste and cut down the body life had been extinct for several hours.—London Telegraph.

A Bird Performer.

Canaries and other tame birds are sometimes taught to perform tricks, but it always has been regarded almost an impossibility to train a wild bird. Andrew Hume, the famous Scotch bird lover, trained one of the wildest of Scotch birds to perform all sorts of remarkable tricks—to jump and keep time with the skipping rope, to perform on the slack and tight rope, climb an upright rope, stand on top of a running carriage, draw cards out of a box, mount a ladder and ring a bell, go round a wheeling stair step by step and fly to its owner's head when called upon.

Artistic Temperament.

Kill the onion and you leave a gap in the universe. Kill anything else and there is a substitute. The potato is akin to the cereals; squash and cabbage and turnips and cauliflower are of the same family; beans are elongated peas; the lemon is a pessimistic orange, beef reincarnated grass, watermelons just the survivor of a very fit cucumber, and so on.

But the onion is sui generis, alone, unique, triumphant. It is a special creation to tempt the palate of a weary world.

The onion proves the futility of man's wisdom. He might have guessed at everything else under the sun, but he would have never guessed an onion. Science may deduce a new star before it becomes visible or radium before its discovery, but this succulent, starry vegetable would have gone uninvented forever had not its own insinuating yet not bashful qualities forced themselves into tear brimmed eyes and liquescent anticipatory lips.

With what a mixture of gratitude and awe should we view the spectacle of nature turning her energies to the transmuting of mere clay into a vegetable with an artistic temperament!—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

HELD BY A COBRA.

Agony of a Prisoner in a Military Jail in India.

In the military cantonments of India the punishment cells, which are about fourteen feet high by twelve feet square, stand separately. There are no windows, but one side is a grille, the iron bars being about five inches apart.

On one occasion when a private was confined in one of them a large cobra, one of the most deadly reptiles in India, crawled between the bars and wriggled on to the bed to get warmth. It curled upon the prisoner's chest, and he was just about to turn over when, feeling the unusual weight, he saw the snake's glittering eyes staring into his face. He dared not move, so he had to lie in that position for four hours.

At 8 o'clock, when the sergeant went his rounds, he saw the position the prisoner was in and went for a long stick. With another soldier he entered the cell, and they drove the snake into a corner, where they killed it. The colonel released the prisoner, as he thought he had suffered enough punishment in the terrible experience he had gone through. The man's hair had turned white with the mental strain which he had endured.—London Standard.

SLEEPING IN CHURCH.

It Used to Be Rudely Interrupted in Olden Times in England.

One John Rudge is on record as having bequeathed to the parish of Trysull, in Shropshire, England, 20 shillings a year to be paid to "a poor man" employed to go about church in summer to keep people awake.

At another English church, that of Acton, in Cheshire, it was the practice during the middle of the last century for one of the churchwardens to proceed through the church during service with a huge wand in his hand wherewith if any one of the congregation were observed to be asleep he was instantly awakened by a tap on the head.

In Warwickshire a similar custom prevailed. A warden bearing a stout wand shaped like a hay fork at the end stepped stealthily up and down the nave and the aisles, and whenever he saw an individual asleep he touched him so effectively that the nap was broken, this being sometimes accomplished by the application of the fork to the nape of the neck.

A more playful method obtained in another church. The beadle went about during service carrying a long staff, to one end of which was attached a fox's brush and to the other a knob. With the former he gently tickled the faces of the women sleepers, while with the knob he bestowed a sharp rap on the heads of male offenders.—Exchange.

Wise Dogs.

"Why is it that the dog is always referred to as the most intelligent animal?"

"Because he knows how to get a good living without doing any work," replied the horse.—New Orleans Picayune.

In the Pyrenees.

C. L. Freeston in "The Passes of the Pyrenees" relates the story of Felix Armand, cure of St. Martin-Lys, who paved a road through the magnificent Gorge de Pierre-Lys in order to bring prosperity to his poverty stricken village. The cure himself marked out the route, "hanging like a spider from the end of a rope over the awful precipices of the Pierre-Lys. After five years' incessant toil the workmen reached the huge mass of rock which blocks the gorge near Belvianes." Still he bravely incited his parishioners to presevere until in 1781 the tunnel was pierced which still bears the name of "Le Trou du Cure." The revolution stopped the work, but after the reign of terror the cure set to work anew.

"A pity the man should be a priest," said Napoleon when he heard of Armand's heroic efforts. "I would have made him a general in my army."

The cure's personal bravery was great. Once when a mine was about to explode a muleteer was seen riding round a corner. The priest instantly sprang out and extinguished a slow match just at its last inch. Arnaud was made an abbe, but he declined to leave his flock and was buried at St. Martin-Lys with the cross of the Legion of Honor on his breast.

PROVED HER WORDS.

The Ladies Knew Each Other Even Before Their Introduction.

There was a great crowd at the picture exhibition, and empty seats were at a premium, when two pretty women spied and made for a place at the self-same moment. They reached the prize together, both pretending ignorance of the other, and, flopping themselves down, succeeded in squeezing breathlessly and miserably in. There they sat then, each scowling and staring at the rudeness of her respective neighbor, each wriggling and squirming as much as possible in order to crowd that neighbor still further. Finally the situation became acute, and one of the women spoke, with fine sarcasm, "I beg your pardon, but do you need the whole seat?"

"I beg yours," the answer came, "but I never talk to strangers."

Just then a third pretty woman passed, stopped and addressed the two at once: "Why, to think of finding you two here together! And I have always wanted to introduce you, because I know you will just love each other. Mabel, this is Maud, and Maud, this is my dear old Mabel. You are bound to love each other because you are so exactly alike in disposition."—New York Press.

Resting a Model.

Adolphe Manzel, the German painter, at one time was engaged on a work of mural decoration and kept a man posed in an exceedingly fatiguing position on a scaffold for two hours. The great painter worked away, heedless of his model's discomfort. Finally the victim called down, "Herr Professor, how about the recess?"

"Certainly, my dear sir. Come down right away and you shall have your recess."

As the model was descending from the scaffolding his limbs assumed a position which was one for which the artist had long been looking.

"Stop!" Menzel thundered. "Hold! Ah, fine! Keep that while I make a little sketch of it!"

The artist drew vigorously for half an hour, at the end of which he called out imperatively: "There, that will do for now. Get up on the scaffold again. We have had our recess."

A False Alarm.

Over the telephone a worried voice addressed the proprietor of a small hardware store in a west Kentucky town.

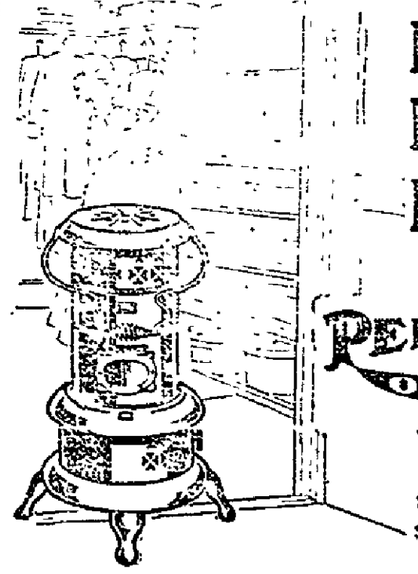
"Say," the speaker began, "I come in your place today and bought one of them dollar alarm clocks, and you set her for me to go off at 5 o'clock in the mornin'. D'ye remember?"

"Yes," said the hardware man, "I remember."

"Well," went on the other, "I've jest found out that I don't have to git up at 5 o'clock in the mornin'."

"Glad to hear it," said the hardware man, "but what do you want me to do about it?"

"I want you," said the customer, "to tell me how to unalarm this clock."—Saturday Evening Post.



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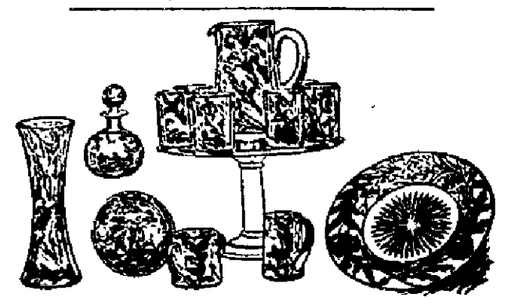

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Cherries	150 to 300	Potatoes (Irish)	100 to 150
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ll of these operations, which are ttered through almost every coun-n the State, show that a good start been made toward giving the stone State a first-class system of ds. To carry this on, the people he State will be asked next year ote for a $50,000,000 loan for the struction of main highways. The l action necessary to lay this stion, which involves an amend-t to the constitution, before the rs will be taken by the legisla-when it meets in Harrisburg next th. The Pennsylvania Motor Fed-ion, which has made a study of needs of the State in highways truction, is urging the speedy adop-of this legislation. The pro-s made in the last year or so in-tes what can be brought about in sylvania if the bond issue is d.

w York voters approved a sec-issue of $50,000,000 for road build-t the recent election.

A BATTLE IN THE SEA.

Wanton Slaughter When Bluefish and Menhaden Meet.

Did you ever see bluefish charge a school of menhaden at sea? That is something worth seeing. The bluefish throw their lines forward until they almost surround the menhaden, and they attack them flank and rear. The menhaden fairly make the water boil in their efforts to escape, while all around the enemy is at them tearing relentlessly.

Into all this commotion comes a great shark. It's a picnic for the shark a school of menhaden all herded up for his benefit. It swims leisurely into the midst of them, opens its mouth and takes in half a dozen menhaden at a gulp. It swims around and bites out half a dozen more from the school. It gorges itself without effort.

But the menhaden are not nearly as much disturbed by the presence of the monster swimming about among them as they are by the charging bluefish. The shark takes half a dozen fish or more at a bite, while the bluefish only bites a piece out of a single fish, but there is only one shark, while there may be thousands of bluefish plunging and tearing incessantly and killing and maiming at every stroke.

The shark's a brute, but under such circumstances the menhaden have less of fear than they have of contempt for him.

WONDERS OF BAALBEC.

A Building Problem That Has Puzzled Modern Engineers.

Baalbec, or Baalbek, is the name given a ruined city lying in ancient Coele, Syria, forty-five miles northwest of Damascus.

There is nothing particularly remarkable about a ruined city being found in the locality mentioned but the size of the blocks of stone used by the ancient builders of this particular city is something that has puzzled the modern engineers since the day when Baalbec was first made the Mecca of the oriental traveler.

There are immense stones on every side of the visitor to this ancient pile of ruins, but the three most remarkable blocks—said to be the largest ever used in the construction of a building—are in a wall back of the temple of Baal.

These immense stones are respectively sixty feet, sixty-three and sixty-two feet in length and each is thirteen feet in thickness, but the most wonderful thing in connection with them is the fact that they are in a place in the wall twenty feet from the ground. How these immense blocks of granite were ever raised to such a height is a question that has never yet been answered.

Tiger and Lion.

"One time in order to test the courage of a Bengal tiger and a lion," said a well known showman, "we placed Chinese crackers in the respective cages and fired the fuses. As soon as the fuses began to burn they attracted the attention of both animals, but in a widely different manner. The lion drew into a corner and watched the proceedings with a distrustful and uneasy eye. The tiger, on the contrary, advanced to the burning fuse with a firm step and unflinching gaze. On reaching the cracker he began to roll it over the floor with his paw, and when it exploded beneath his nose he did not flinch, but continued his examination until perfectly satisfied. The lion betrayed great fear when he heard the report of the explosion and for quite a time could not be coaxed out of his den."—London Tit-Bits.

Victoria and the Future.

Queen Victoria's childlike faith in the future life is touchingly revealed in her published letters to Dr. Boyd Carpenter. The only fear that troubled her was lest those she loved who had left this world before her might have outgrown her companionship. "I feel only this doubt," she wrote to Carpenter, "on account of my dear husband, whose tastes were of a higher and different order from mine and who had different interests perhaps from mine. I am far more fit now to be his companion than I used to be, but still I know that he must have soared higher than me."

Raiment of the Coster.

The English costermonger must be fearfully and wonderfully clothed, judging from the following coster tailor's advertisement in a London paper:

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Domestic Joys.

"Rosa my mother-in-law is coming for a long visit tomorrow. Here is a list of her favorite dishes."

"Yes, sir."

"Well, the first time you give us one of these you'll get a week's notice."—Fliegende Blatter.

Not Able.

In a county court recently an inquiry was made as to why a defendant named Cain was not present. "Because he isn't able" cried a voice from the back of the court.—London Mail.

WHAT IS DIRT?

How the Question Was Answered by a Professor of Chemistry.

An old college professor used to say to his students: "What is dirt? Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentleman. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty grease spot on your coat, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water, and it disappears. It is neither grease, soap, water nor dirt.

"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements.

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk or fuller's earth.

"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Nice, pearly face powder is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt."—Exchange.

MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who, in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original head stones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription.

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another:

"Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear.
For Emily Church lies buried here.
Mixed in some perplexing manner
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.

—Exchange.

A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible"— "Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant"— "Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving"— "Mr. Perceval presented a petition praying"— "Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand"— "Lord Lyndhurst said he must entreat of every one to give him credit"— "Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought"— "Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance"—

Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle," as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

Columbia River Thrice Named.

The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Roque, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia, in place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Roque. According to Whitney, the original name of the river was the Orejon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson musingly. "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what the reason can be?"

Sometimes They Are.

Little Sister—What are goose eggs in a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the fouls of the game.—Chicago News.

How well you live matters, and not how long.

Society and Personal

(The Mail is anxious to publish all items of local interest, such as accounts of parties, entertainments or the like in this column and invites its readers to hand in notes of such. Names of those present at various functions will be published to a limited number. Personals are especially desired. More important items will be given under special head.)

Mrs. L. T. Jack and daughter Miss Alberta, are spending the day in Pittsburg.

Fremont Might went to Donora this morning on business.

Lester Allman went to Dravosburg today on business.

Attend the Bazaar at the M. E. church Thursday and Friday. 1-tp

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crawford have returned from Longport, Ind., after several weeks' visit with the former's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pahl have gone to South Duquesne to visit Mrs. Pahl's sister, Mrs. T. F. Osken, before returning to their home in Parkersburg, W. Va.

Mrs. Robert Hormell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. F. Oskin, in Duquesne.

Mrs. George Barnett is spending the day in Pittsburg.

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BOWLING

Charleroi bowlers defeated Uniontown duck pinists in a two men and a five men match on the Casino alleys here Wednesday night. In the two men match, Briggs and Kuhn rolled against Carroll and Lyons of Uniontown. All the games were good. Carroll got high score in the five men men match, with 163 and 162 in two of three games. The score:

Two Men Match.
Uniontown.

Carroll	119	94	116
Lyons	124	100	120
Total	243	194	236

Charleroi.

Briggs	136	105	112
Kuhn	128	109	123
Total	264	214	235

Five-Men Match.
Uniontown.

Carroll	163	162	98
King	105	87	114
Keerer	117	120	86
O'Neil	127	100	110
Lyons	116	130	94
Total	628	599	502

Charleroi.

Kuhn	101	104	106
Osborne	122	132	118
E. Davis	116	125	112
S. Woodward	123	130	125
Briggs	137	136	135
Total	599	627	596

All kinds of aprons at the Methodist Bazaar, December 5 and 6. 114-t1

Read the Mail

Juniors Distribute Dinner.

One of the Sunday school organizations that distributed Thanksgiving dinners to needy persons in Charleroi was the Second Year Junior class of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school, of which John Martin is the teacher. A number of families were supplied.

Attend the Bazaar at the M. E. church Thursday and Friday. 1-tp

Business Men to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the Charleroi Business Men's Association will be held in the association rooms, in the Kirk and Clark building tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.
Estate of Seraphin Teston, Deceased.

Having been appointed Auditor in the above estate, to hear and pass upon all claims which may be presented against said estate, to hear and pass upon all questions which may be raised as to the distribution of the balance remaining in the hands of the Administrator, to ascertain heirs, creditors and persons entitled to participate in the distribution of said balance and to report a schedule of distribution to the Court, notice is hereby given that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at the office of Alex M. Templeton, Esq., Room No. 515, Washington Trust Building, Washington, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, December 28th, 1912, at ten o'clock a. m. at which time all parties interested may appear if they see proper.

Hugh E. Fergus,
Auditor.

D-5-12-19

Heirs wanted at once. 50,000 estates seeking claimants. You may be one. Facts in booklet. Send stamp, "245," International Claim Agency, Pittsburg, Pa. 91 t5-w

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INSTITUTE PLANNED FOR CHARLEROI NEXT YEAR

Movement Started for Local Schools by Directors

ON THE MONESSEN IDEA

Educational Committee to Make Investigations---Officers Elected

The first move towards the holding of a teacher's institute in Charleroi next year, similar to the one that is being held in Monessen this week, was made Wednesday night at the meeting of the Charleroi school board. Prof. Thomas L. Pollock, superintendent of schools made the suggestion to the board and it was discussed to some extent. The educational committee was instructed to investigate, and to report. If the institute is held ways and means will have to be provided. Also the new school building on Crest avenue will have to be finished affording the use of an auditorium.

The matter of reorganization for the nsuing year was taken up, the board having been unable to proceed to this matter in Monday night. By law school boards of the second, third and fourth class are compelled to meet the first part of December for the purpose of organization, t he definite time being fixed as the first Monday of December. There was a lack of a quorum so reorganization was effected Wednesday night at the regular meeting.

W. D. Pollock was re-elected president, H. J. Booth, vice president.

The report of Treasurer K. W. Daly was received. It is summarized as follows:

Balance from last report	$33,754.11
Receipts	$12,783.31
Total	$46,537.42
Disbursements	9,400.00
Balance	$37,137.38

PROGRAM AT THE STAR THEATRE

Week of December 2 to 7:

Tomorrow.

The Colonel's Ward—a Thrilling 101 Original Bison in Two Reels, full of thrills 101 Bison

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112-t5

Clerks Wanted.

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SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE MIGHT'S AUDITORIUM.

Charley Oldham of Nirella's Orchestra Pittsburg will sing all the latest song hits. Comes highly recommended. Don't miss hearing him. 111-t6

Will Build 103 Houses

Monongahela Firm Gets Contract From Pittsburgh Coal Company

The Pittsburg Coal company has awarded the contract for the erection of 103 double houses for miners to the Monongahela Saw and Planing Mill company. The contract approximates $160,000. All the houses but ten will be built in the Yough valley. These ten will be erected at Manown. Arrangements are being made to begin at once on the work.

NOTABLE MEN ARE SPEAKERS

Monessen Teachers' Institute of Unusual Interest

HUNDREDS PRESENT

Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, head of the Pennsylvania State College and one of the best known educators in the State, was one of the speakers at the Monessen Teacher's institute this morning. Dr. F. H. Green of West Chester, who has proved a favorite at the local institute as well as at various other institutes over the State, was the other speaker. Both men speak this afternoon and tonight the Euclid Male Quartet will give a concert.

Tomorrow morning Prof. W. S. Hertzog, principal of California State Normal school will deliver an address to the teachers; also Prof. C. B. Robertson of the University of Pittsburg.

Wednesday night Ex-Gov. J. Frank Hanly of Indiana spoke to a crowded house on "The Well Disarmed," it being his second address in the course of the institute, having made an address Monday night. The Opera House is being crowded for all the sessions. Wednesday afternoon the Charleroi teachers went in a body to attend the afternoon meeting.

The Ladies of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church will hold a Bazaar in the basement of the church Thursday evening, Dec. 5th and Friday and Saturday afternoon and evenings, Dec. 6th and 7th. Also a market consisting of home-made pasteries and candies. 109-t8

The Winter Club.

Regular weekly dance Thursday night, December 5. Might's Auditorium. Select. 113-t2

Penny Xmas Postcards at Might's Book and Toy store. 113-t4

Attend the Bazaar at the M. E. church Thursday and Friday. 1-tp

IRON WHEEL DOES SERIOUS DAMAGE

Boys Start It Down Hill and It Tears Through Fences and a Grape Arbor to Wedge Itself in Dwelling House

School boys are charged with having rolled a heavy iron disk, about as large as a manhole cover and of similar size, down the hill from "The Pines" into the rear of the dwelling of Andrew McKean of Lincoln avenue Wednesday night. The iron left a deep dinge in the framework of the house. The police are looking for the boys.

The big disk was removed it is stated from a grating on Crest avenue and Fourth street. It was taken to the hillside above the McKean home, and either through malice or through accident started down the hill. It tore through a stout wire fence like so much cord, leaped the fence at the back of the McKean home and rammed its way through the grape arbor, breaking two by four bars as though they were laths. Then it plunged its way headlong into the building, where its progress was arrested.

Had the iron been given free rein and not been hampered by the fence and grape arbor, it would probably have gone clear through the side of the house and into the kitchen.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR CHOSEN

L. C. B. A. Select Persons to Occupy Chairs During Ensuing Term

The annual election of officers for 1913 of Branch No. 782, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Asosciation, held at their regular meeting Wednesday evening, resulted as follows:

Spiritual adviser, Rev. W. D. Fries; past president, Miss Anna M. Sullivan; president, Mrs. Margaret Shields; first vice president, Mrs. Lena Bailey; second vice president, Mrs. Irene Gray; financial secretary, Miss Julia V. Sullivan, treasurer, Miss Nora Riley; recorder, Miss Sara Shields; assistant recorder, Mrs. Grace McKenna; marshal, Miss Stella Connelly; guard, Mrs. Mary Herron; trustees, Mrs. Sophia Stopp, Mrs. Mary Fiedler, Mrs. Mary Bezy, Mrs. Margaret Fries.

The Branch is in a very prosperous condition. Two new members were added to the roll Wednesday evening. A series of euchres will be started in January.

METHODIST WOMEN'S BAZAR STARTS TODAY

For several years past the Ladies League of the Methodist Episcopal church have held a bazaar for the sale of useful and fancy articles at this time of the year but this year they have planned a decided innovation. Heretofore the men of the church have not had a prominent part in the affair. This year, however, they are to have a prominent place in the sales department. A committee with H. J. Booth as chairman, have on sale a variety of useful articles in this bazaar that is being held today and tomorrow in the lecture room of the church on Sixth street and Lincoln avenue, and will in all probability be the center of attraction in the whole affair.

Apart from this there are several notable features. The league under the presidency of Mrs. F. J. John, have been busy for months past preparing for the event. That they have been successful is evident when one sees the array of beautiful and useful articles on sale. In addition t here is on sale numerous products of the culinary art. The whole affair promises to be a great success.

Best ever, Xmas Penny Postcards at Might's Book and Toy Store. 113-t4

DONORA BUSINESS MEN BANQUET

Board of Trade Entertains at First Annual Affair---Local Men Present

At the annual banquet of the Donora chamber of commerce held at the Indiana hotel Wednesday evening, more than 150 man sat down. The occasion proved a most enjoyable one and the feature of the evening was the attractive list of toasts which had been prepared.

The toastmaster of the evening was E. C. Morrison and addresses were made by G. W. Dudderar, managing secretary of the Washington Board of Trade; Prof. Edward Sergent, of New Castle; E. C. Sattley of Monesen; County Commissioners A. P. Barnum, Thomas Hill and John A. Berry; Prothonotary A. V. Lewis; Clerk of Courts W. F. Lockhart and Chief Clerk to the Commissioners H. R. Campbell, John B. Schafer and Charles O. Frye of Charleroi. Mr. Schafer talked on the "Public Playgrounds," and told of the work in that line which had been accomplished in Charleroi. Mr. Frye spoke on the three essentials necessary to the economic progress of this country, "Better Citizenship, Better Farming and Better Banking."

TROUBADOURS TO GIVE A CONCERT

Invitations have been issued by a committee of Charleroi Lodge, No. 494, B. P. O. Elks, for a musical entertainment and dance to be given at the Elks' club house, on Tuesday evening, December 10. The Troubadours Amusement company is to give a concert and to play for the dance which is to follow. An excellent program of musical numbers will be rendered consisting of the following: "Ungarische Lustspiel," by Keler Bela; spoken songs, "Just a Wearyin' for You," "Some Day When Dreams Come True," "See Saw;" "The Butterfly," Theo. Bendix, flute solo; "Alpine Violets," Ludwig Andre; Amphitheatre scene, from "The Last Days of Pompeii"; harp solo; "Mazurka de Concert," Ovide Mussin, violin solo; impersonations, old men, types of negros, small children and boys; "Bridal Rose," Lavelle.

The committee consists of Harry C. Hormell, Fred W. Brady, Seward H. Might, O. B. Clutter, and Edgar B. Hastings.

Attend the Bazaar at the M. E. church Thursday and Friday. 1-tp

REPUBLICANS SPEND $3,278 IN CAMPAIGN

New Case of Diphtheria

Spread of Contagion Reported to Local Health Authorities

One new case of diphtheria has been reported, the afflicted being a foreign woman living at 911 Prospect avenue. That makes four now in the borough. It is thought by some that the disease was brought here from Monessen, where there has been an epidemic in progress.

PRETTY ROMANCE AT END

Nurse Leaves to Become Bride of Honduras Engineer

BELONGED TO NOBILITY

A countess, born and bred to a position of refinement and ease in English, by the unkind disposition of fate put in position where she was forced to earn her own living, Miss Ethel Josephine Jarvis, of Brownsville, now a trained nurse, is the principle figure in a pretty romance that will have its culmination in a wedding in British Honduras with Miss Jarvis as the bride. The groom will be William E. Ridding, a former young British army officer, now employed as a civil engineer for the British government in Honduras.

Fifteen years ago the troth of the couple was plighted. A United States wildcat mining venture lost for the family of Miss Jarvis practically all its fortune. She concluded to come to the United States to work out her destiny. Young Ridding was sent on a mission by his government to Egpt, the marriage for which arrangements had been so happily in progress being postponed indefinitely. Previous to coming to America Miss Jarvis secured some training in the St. Thomas hospital in London.

Distance proved detrimental to courtship. Miss Jarvis entered the training school for nurses at Uniontown. Her finance was so situated that they could not even correspond, and for a time neither knew where the other was. Then upon the expiration of his term of service in Egypt Ridding secured the commission of assistant engineer of construction on the English government railroad in British Honduras, Central America.

Not until then did Miss Jarvis hear from her bethrothed. Te told in a letter of his success and renewed his vow. Now she is on her way to Central America to join him. She will probably arrive about December 14 at Stann Creek, and there the marriage will take place.

Expense Account Filed By Treasurer Eagleson

MATTHEWS GAVE $500

Several Individuals Contributed Heavily--Charleroi Meeting Costly

James P. Eagleson, treasurer of the Republican county committee, filed the expense account of the last campaign with Clerk of Courts Lockhart at Washington Wednesday.

The contributions, including a small balance, amounted to $3,278.03. This was all paid out with the exception of $41.03. The account shows as did the Washington and Democratic party accounts, no money paid out for watchers. This is the first time that expense accounts did not show large sums for watchers. The contributions were limited to a few, and were made chiefly by candidates and county officials.

William Feeney, the defeated Republican candidate for the legislature, spent $114.75. He received no contributions. His expenses covered printing, traveling and hotel expenses, stamps and stationary.

Ralph M. Allison, defeated Republican candidate for the legislature spent $218.75. He received no contributionss. He gave $150 to James P. Eagleson, treasurer of the Republican county committee. The balance was spent for printing, postage, advertising, typewriting, hotel bills, etc.

D. M. McCloskey, treasurer of the Charleroi Republican club, filed his expense account Wednesday. It shows that the Charleroi Republican leaders rallied around their party's standard. The club received $580 in contributions and expended $410.53. Governor Tener contributed $100 toward the demonstration and the balance was given by business people about town.

DOCTORS ARRANGE DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Washington County Medical society will be held on Monday, December 9, at Washington. The scientific program to be rendered will be as follows: "Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Cholecystiyis," Dr. H. J. Repman, of Charleroi; Diagnosis of Malignant Disease of the Liver and Biliary Tract," T. F. Cashman; The Clinical Significance of Jaundice," C. F. Harsha. At the last meeting officers were elected. They are: President, C. C. Cracraft, Claysville; vice president, W. D. Teagarden, Washington; secretary-tresaurer, A. E. Thompson, of Washington. Dr. J. W. Hunter of Charleroi was the previous president.

New Book For Boys and Girls

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REVISION IN SIGHT.

It is now definitely decided that a bill will be introduced in the legislature this winter providing for a constitutional convention to revise the constitution. Action to this effect was taken by the legislative committee appointed by the Republican state convention to draft bills to conform to the platform pledges at a meeting in Philadelphia this week. As the measure will have powerful backing, it is altogether probable that it will pass through. Then a convention will be called and the various proposed changes drafted. Then the proposed changes will be submitted to a referendum of the votes of the state, and it will require a majority vote of the electors to incorporate the changes into law.

The present constitution has been in effect thirty-eight years having been adopted in 1874. Since that time big changes have been made in the political economy that affects the general welfore of the public. When the constitution was adopted, the state was not nearly so highly developed in a material way as it is today, and public affairs were more simple and less complicated. Then the rural population was the largest, and the provisions of the constitution were framed accordingly, particularly with a view of developing the industrial sections and providing for their extensions. Now the population of the towns and cities overshodows the rural population, with new and complicated conditions.

When the present state constitution was adopted there were no trolley lines in existence, and the provisions governing transportation largely applies to steam railroads. There were no telephone corporations in existence then, and the transmission of light, heat and power by natural gas and electricity was not then dreamed of. As a result much of the fundamental law of the state at the present time is based on court decisions, which have been attained through long and costly process of litigation, with construction to make them comply with the constitutions that are startling and strange. Some states have a provision for revising their constitutions every twenty years, which keep them abreast with the times. A revision of our constitutioon is necessary and it must be made before many of the desired reforms now demanded can be accomplished.

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Save trouble and expense. They're true Quality, not crude, compressed gas. [illegible] WAVERLY OIL WORKS CO. Pittsburg, Pa.

A BRIDES' SCHOOL.

While the State Federation of Women's Clubs of Pennsylvania are recommending that the club women of the state agitate for a department of household economics in State College for women, Kansas has 738 girls taking the courses in what is facetiously termed the "brides' school" at the Kansas Agricultural College. This course was organized three years ago as the direct result from observations by Governor Stubbs, who saw the same necessity for training young women as scientific home makers as for training the young men to become scientific farmers. It is stated that out of the 738 girls in the Kansas "brides' school," fully 500 of them are engaged to be married as soon as they graduate.

The "brides' school" is a real home-making school. The girls are taught domestic science thoroughly, the preparation of all foods and in every conceivable manner and to be served in dozens of different ways. They do it practically, too, by cooking for the college professors. The girls are divided into groups and one of each group is the manager for a week. She does all the buying for one meal a day, six days in the week. Another does the cooking while another helps. Two look after the table decorations and are the waitresses. The groups change around each week. The college professors eat their lunches and pay the actual cost for the foods and the girls get the practice.

Then there are classes in sewing in all its branches, making everything a woman wears and some of the things men wear, and including repairing and sewing on buttons. It is a department similar to this that the Federation of Women's Clubs hope to get installed in our own State College, and they will do well to pattern after Kansas, which as usual is several laps ahead of Pennsylvania in providing beneficial institutions for its citizens.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

In mortal dread
We spend our lives;
We even fear
A crop of hives.

* * *

Flag Him, Ella.

A nice little maiden named Ella
Got engaged to a spooney young fella
"You're my own turtle dove,
The one that I love,"
By the hour he would tella and tella.

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Whenever some folks see the initials "J. P." standing out prominently and alone, they jump to the conclusion that they mean Jupiter Pluvius, or Justice of the Peace, when as a matter of fact they more often refer to J. Pierpont, whose last name is Morgan.

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Contrary to the general opinion the Macedonian doesn't need help.

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No, Madge, they don't wear hobbles in Bulgaria.

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The Democrat demand for happiness is "Give us back those post-offices."

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Considering they even lost the post-office, the Uniontown Democrats are trying to figure out just what good the change of administration will do them.

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At least the men who ask the barkeep for a stiff dose of stomach bitters can lay claim to being half way original.

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The girl who used to be Alice Roosevelt must be having a tough time leading a peaceful domestic life with her father the apostle and big chief of the scrappy Progressive party, and her husband a Republican with nerve.

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It seems as if some newspapers take a certain pride in stating as of-

[illegible] nal John Jacob Astor got his fortune.

* * *

They let Jack Johnson marry his white girl. Wonder if she feels very proud of her husband?

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The most of writers can now describe with a chance of hitting it once in ten tries where the Bulgarian boundary is.

Our Moving Picture Show

Her husband had millions to spare
And she never had worry or care,
She'd a penchant for rings
And many nice things,
And a poodle with long woolly hair.

Watch this space tomorrow.

FOUND UP IN PARRYVILLE

"We have had an increase in our income," said a Charleroi citizen this morning. "We have got a raise of eight cents a day."

"How is that?" asked a neighbor who happened to be present when the remark was made.

"Why, our hens laid two eggs day before yesterday, and two yesterday. Fresh eggs are worth four cents apiece now, you know. However, I need the raise, as I am helping to support two doctors at the present time and I'm hoping that we'll soon be getting three eggs a day instead of two."

In an eulogy of the late supreme court justice, a Chicago lawyer said: "John M. Harlan had a way of pointing an observation with a story. Once he wanted to rebuke a man for exaggeration, so he said he was as bad as a Pittsburg millionaire who was being interviewed by a New York reporter.

"'Where, sir, were you born?' the reporter, as he sharpened his pencil, asked.

"'I was born in Pittsburg,' said the millionaire.

"'And when did you first—er—see the light of day?'

"'When I was nine,' the millionaire replied. 'My people then moved to Philadelphia.'"

Saw a Profit.

The artistic temperament often leads toward poverty, but it frequently compensates its victim with a saving grace of humor which makes even the poverty a source of fun. A young woman who was possessed of the temperament and had given up everything else for it suddenly sold a picture for a considerable sum and made haste to apply the proceeds as a first payment on a small cottage she had long desired. The former owner attempted to advise her about the neighbors.

"Now, that couple next door," he said warningly, "they are right good neighbors, friendly and all that, but keep your eyes open. If they see a chance to make a hundred dollars out of you they won't hesitate to do it."

"Fine, fine!" cried the young woman "I'm going over now and see if I can't get them to do it on shares."

TROUBLES OF THE EAR.

Many of Them Are Caused by Abuses of Some Kind.

The best way to care for the ear is [illegible] of the most independent of organs, knowing very well how to take care of itself. If it is duly respected little trouble or none will result. In cases where something unforeseen goes wrong a physician should be consulted at once.

Almost all troubles of the ear are due to abuses of some kind. The wax seems to worry a great many people and in their concern they usually manage to seriously interfere with its functions. In the healthy ear the wax, or cerumen, is a thin yellowish fluid that thickens into a paste as it dries. Nature provides for its natural exit from the ear passage by uniting it with the tiny flakes of dead skin which fall outward unnoticed either by seeing or feeling. Thus wax does not accumulate in a healthy ear, which has just enough to make sticky the stiff little hairs that grow in the passage.

Instruments should never be poked into the ear by the inexperienced nor wads of material continually mopped and squeezed into the opening for cleansing. Usually such treatment induces an increase or caking of wax. Hot water is the best solvent for wax, 105 to 115 degrees F. If the need of it is imperative gently syringe the ear with it. Cotton plugs in the ear are useful at times, but should be used no more than absolutely necessary, for they obstruct the canal and interfere with the natural way of casting off wax.—Exchange

THE SUN AS AN ARTIST.

Discovery Upon Which Turn All the Wonders of Photography.

There is a wide variety in the pace at which the sun can give a color or change it. A winter apple may be a month in reaching its ruddiness, a peach may take only one week to flush into its mantle of maturity, but the most nimble work of the solar ray in its decoration of fruit and flower is not to be compared with what it accomplishes in other departments. When its power was brought to bear upon some familiar chemicals it was found that its action was reduced from days to seconds.

Upon this discovery turn all the wonders of photography. At first silver nitrate—or lunar caustic, as it was commonly called—was used in the camera. From time to time other substances of greater and greater sensitiveness to light have been produced, every one of them successively giving the solar beam a wider play and more astonishing power.

Today, with the exposure of a photographic plate, not only are the beatings of an insect's wings caught in the camera, but also the path of a cannonball, the skyward flight of exploded rock, and the sinuous glint of lightning.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Laugh and Live Long.

It has been aptly said that there is not the remotest corner of the inlet of the minute blood vessels of the human body that does not feel some wavelet from the convulsions occasioned by good hearty laughter. The life principle of the central man is shaken to its innermost depths, sending new tides of life and strength to the surface, thus materially tending to insure good health to the persons who indulge therein. The blood moves more rapidly and conveys a different impression to all the organs of the body as it visits them on that particular mystic journey when the man is laughing from that conveyed at other times. For this reason every good, hearty laugh in which a person indulges tends to lengthen his life, conveying as it does new and distinct stimulus to the vital forces.

What Wellington Was Doing.

When Sir John Steell, the sculptor, had the Iron Duke sitting for a statue he tried to induce him to look warlike. All his efforts were in vain, however, for Wellington seemed, judging by his face, never to have heard of Waterloo or Talavera. At last Sir John lost his patience. "As I am going to make this statue of your grace," he exclaimed, "can you not tell me what you were doing before, say, the battle of Salamanca? Were you not galloping about the field, cheering on your men to deeds of valor by words and action?"

"Bah!" said the duke in evident scorn. "If you really want to model me as I was on the morning of Salamanca, then do me crawling along a ditch on my stomach with a telescope in my hand!"

Suspicious Fervor.

"Well, brother," said the deacon, "that was a fine prayer you made last night."

"Thank you, deacon. I am very glad to hear you say so."

"Yes, it was a splendid prayer, long and fervent. And, say, what have you been doing anyway? You can confide in me with the utmost confidence. I wouldn't betray you for anything in the world."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Willing.

"Now," began the philosopher, "take me as an example. [illegible] He"—

"I'd do it in a minute," interrupted the practical man. "If the law would not interfere. He's learning to play the cornet."

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Cigars and Income.

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Eight dollar a day man smokes three for 50 cents cigars.

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Sixty-four dollar a day man smokes ten cent cigars.

One hundred and twenty-eight dollar a day man smokes five cent cigars.

Two hundred and fifty-six dollar a day man smokes three for 5 cents cigars.

Editorial query No. 2: If the author's data are correct what's the answer.—New York World.

Too Strong.

A young woman from the west who lately has been admitted to the intimacy of "the artistic set" of Washington recently made this query of an artist with reference to the work of a fellow painter:

"Why does Blank stand off and half shut his eyes when he looks at the pictures he is painting? When I visited his studio the other day he made me do it too."

"The explanation is [illegible] said the other [illegible] look at it [illegible] open."—Ex.

Raleigh's Pipe.

A pipe with a history is in the possession of a collector in London. It was once the property of Sir Walter Raleigh and is not unlike the letter "Y" in shape. For centuries it has been kept in an inlaid box dated "Anno 1527." It is constructed in four pieces of wood, rudely carved with dogs' heads and with the faces of Indians. On the bowl there is a cap about as large as the bowl itself, and attached to the stem is a string of beads made of the same wood as the pipe. In this stem a powerful whistle has been cut, and the suggestion is that Sir Walter used it to summon his servants. The Archaeological society exhibited this pipe at Guildhall in the middle of the last century, the inscription accompanying it bearing these words: "The original pipe of the above celebrated Historian of the World and who first introduced tobacco and potatoes into England." Tradition, corroborated by a parchment in the possession of the owner, states that this pipe was smoked by Sir Walter Raleigh on the scaffold just before his execution and handed to one of his relatives as a memento of him.

A Tribute to Butter.

Many years ago when Senator Ingalls was in the senate, oleomargarine was the bone of contention. The debate led Ingalls to utter one of those epigrammatic sentences which made him famous. "I have never, to my knowledge, tasted oleomargarine," said Ingalls, "but I have stood in the presence of genuine butter with awe for its strength and reverence for its antiquity."

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Maddened by Census Questions.

Serious results followed the taking of the first census in Japan years ago Observing with approval the work of western countries, the authorities thought it advisable to take statistics of population and for that purpose sent out to all householders notices enjoining them to furnish them with full particulars of their families, age, sex, etc. This step was misconstrued in one of the villages, where suspicion was expressed that Japan was about to be sold or at least some of the people were to be sold to foreigners who were desirous of ascertaining the number of males, etc., before closing the bargain in order to find out what price to pay according to the quantity of blood that would be forthcoming It was a Japanese belief the foreigners squeezed the blood from all who came into their power. Excited and enraged mobs soon collected and attacked the village offices, and it was some time before order could be restored.—Argonaut.

Mexico's Goat.

To get your goat in Mexico has no meaning other than to lay unlawful hands on the quadruped The goat is to Mexico what the sheep is to Australia and beef to old England and more, because it is both meat and drink. The republic of bullfights and bandits could not get along without the humble little animal we have always associated with Harlem back yards and a diet of tin cans. Its flesh sells at 14 cents a pound, Mexican money, and a steaming stew of tender young kid is not to be despised by a hungry man. Every Mexican hotel serves goat meat in some form or other. A fat goat sells for $3 on the hoof, and a lean one brings only $1.50. The tallow sells at 12 cents a pound and is commonly used in place of lard The skins are worth $1.50 each, and the milk retails at 12½ cents a quart.—New York Press

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The Democracy of Death.

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Beauty Five Centuries Ago.

They have dug up an old beauty book in Italy, published 500 years ago, which laid down the following rules of the game.

"To be beautiful," says the work, "the women must have the following: Three white things—skin, hands and teeth. Three black things—eyes, eyelashes and eyebrows. Three pink things—lips gums and nails Three long things—life hands and hair. Three short things—teeth, ears and tongue Three wide things—forehead, shoulders and intelligence Three narrow things—waist, mouth and ankle. Three delicate things—fingers, lips and mind Three round things—arm, leg and dowry"

Things haven't changed so much in five centuries, have they? Or, let us say, that woman's beauty is immortal and immutable.—Albany Times-Union

A Thoughtful French Wife.

Weary of life, a farmer went out to his barn and hanged himself. A little later his wife, entering the barn to feed some animals, saw her husband swinging from the rafters. Arguing that if, as it was natural to think, her husband intended to commit suicide he would be exasperated by the frustration of his intention, she left the body as it was and went on with the work of the farm Several hours later in the evening, when her daughter came back from the fields, the woman told her what had happened Mother and daughter deliberated for some time as to what ought to be done and finally decided to inform the mayor When that official came in haste and cut down the body life had been extinct for several hours.—London Telegraph.

A Bird Performer.

Canaries and other tame birds are sometimes taught to perform tricks, but it always has been regarded almost an impossibility to train a wild bird Andrew Hume, the famous Scotch bird lover, trained one of the wildest of Scotch birds to perform all sorts of remarkable tricks—to jump and keep time with the skipping rope, to perform on the slack and tight rope, climb an upright rope, stand on top of a running carriage, draw cards out of a box, mount a ladder and ring a bell, go round a wheeling disk step by step and fly to its owner's hand when called upon.

THE MIGHTY ONION.

A Tribute to This Vegetable With an Artistic Temperament.

Kill the onion and you leave a gap in [illegible] there is a substitute The potato is akin to the cereals; squash and cabbage and turnips and cauliflower are of the same family; beans are elongated peas; the lemon is a pessimistic orange, beef reincarnated grass, watermelons just the survivor of a very fit cucumber, and so on

But the onion is sui generis, alone, unique, triumphant. It is a special creation to tempt the palate of a weary world.

The onion proves the futility of man's wisdom. He might have guessed at everything else under the sun, but he would have never guessed an onion. Science may deduce a new star before it becomes visible or radium before its discovery, but this succulent, starry vegetable would have gone unInvented forever bad not its own insinuating yet not bashful qualities forced themselves into tear brimmed eyes and liquescent anticipatory lips

With what a mixture of gratitude and awe should we view the spectacle of nature turning her energies to the transmuting of mere clay into a vegetable with an artistic temperament!—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

HELD BY A COBRA.

Agony of a Prisoner In a Military Jail In India.

In the military cantonments of India the punishment cells which are about fourteen feet high by twelve feet square stand separately There are no windows, but one side is a grille, the iron bars being about five inches apart

On one occasion when a private was confined in one of them a large cobra, one of the most deadly reptiles in India, crawled between the bars and wriggled on to the bed to get warmth. It curled upon the prisoner's chest, and he was just about to turn over when feeling the unusual weight, he saw the snake's glittering eyes staring into his face He dared not move, so he had to lie in that position for four hours

At 8 o'clock, when the sergeant went his rounds, he saw the position the prisoner was in and went for a long stick. With another soldier he entered the cell, and they drove the snake into a corner, where they killed it. The colonel released the prisoner, as he thought he had suffered enough punishment in the terrible experience he had gone through The man's hair had turned white with the mental strain which he had endured.—London Standard.

SLEEPING IN CHURCH.

It Used to Be Rudely Interrupted In Olden Times In England.

One John Rudge is on record as having bequeathed to the parish of Trysull, in Shropshire, England, 20 shillings a year to be paid to "a poor man" employed to go about church in summer to keep people awake

At another English church, that of Acton, in Cheshire, it was the practice during the middle of the last century for one of the churchwardens to proceed through the church during service with a huge wand in his hand wherewith if any one of the congregation were observed to be asleep he was instantly awakened by a tap on the head.

In Warwickshire a similar custom prevailed. A warden bearing a stout wand shaped like a hay fork at the end stepped stealthily up and down the nave and the aisles, and whenever he saw an individual asleep he touched him so effectively that the nap was broken, this being sometimes accomplished by the application of the fork to the nape of the neck.

A more playful method obtained in another church. The beadle went about during service carrying a long staff, to one end of which was attached a fox's brush and to the other a knob. With the former he gently tickled the faces of the women sleepers, while with the knob he bestowed a sharp rap on the heads of male offenders.—Exchange.

Wise Dogs.

"Why is it that the dog is always referred to as the most intelligent animal?"

"Because he knows how to get a good living without doing any work," replied the horse.—New Orleans Picayune.

A PERSISTENT ABBE.

Romance of Mountain Road Building In the Pyrenees.

C L Freeston in "The Passes of the Pyrenees" quotes the story of Abbe Armand, cure of St. Martin-Lys, who pierced a road through the magnificent Gorge de Pierre-Lys in order to bring prosperity to his poverty stricken village The cure himself marked out the route, swinging like a spider from the end of a rope over the awful precipices of the Pierre-Lys After five years incessant toil the workmen reached the huge mass of rock which blocks the gorge near Belvedanes" Still he bravely incited his parishioners to persevere until in 1781 the tunnel was pierced which still bears the name of "Le Trou du Cure The revolution stopped the work, but after the reign of terror the cure set to work anew.

"A pity the man should be a priest," said Napoleon when he heard of Armand's heroic efforts. "I would have made him a general in my army"

The cure's personal bravery was great. Once when a mine was about to explode a muleteer was seen riding round a corner The priest instantly sprang out and extinguished a slow match just at its last inch Armand was [illegible] but at length a to leave his dock and was buried at St. Martin-Lys with the cross of the Legion of Honor on his breast

PROVED HER WORDS.

The Ladies Knew Each Other Even Before Their Introduction.

There was a great crowd at the picture exhibition, and empty seats were at a premium, when two pretty women spied and made for a place at the self same moment. They reached the prize together both pretending ignorance of the other and, dropping themselves down, succeeded in squeezing breathlessly and miserably in There they sat then, each scowling and staring at the rudeness of her respective neighbor, each wriggling and squirming as much as possible in order to crowd that neighbor still further Finally the situation became acute, and one of the women spoke with fine sarcasm, "I beg your pardon but do you need the whole seat?"

"I beg yours," the answer came, "but I never call to strangers

Just then a third pretty woman passed, stopped and addressed the two at once "Why, to think of finding you two here together! And I have always wanted to introduce you, because I know you will just love each other Mabel, this is Maud, and Maud, this is my dear old Mabel. You are bound to love each other because you are so exactly alike in disposition."—New York Press

Resting a Model.

Adolphe Manzel, the German painter, at one time was engaged on a work of mural decoration and kept a man posed in an exceedingly fatiguing position on a scaffold for two hours. The great painter worked away, heedless of his model's discomfort. Finally the victim called down, "Herr Professor, how about the recess?"

"Certainly, my dear sir. Come down right away and you shall have your recess"

As the model was descending from the scaffolding his limbs assumed a position which was one for which the artist had long been looking

"Stop!" Menzel thundered. "Hold! Ah, fine! Keep that while I make a little sketch of it!"

The artist drew vigorously for half an hour, at the end of which he called out imperatively: "There, that will do for now. Get up on the scaffold again. We have had our recess."

A False Alarm.

Over the telephone a worried voice addressed the proprietor of a small hardware store in a west Kentucky town

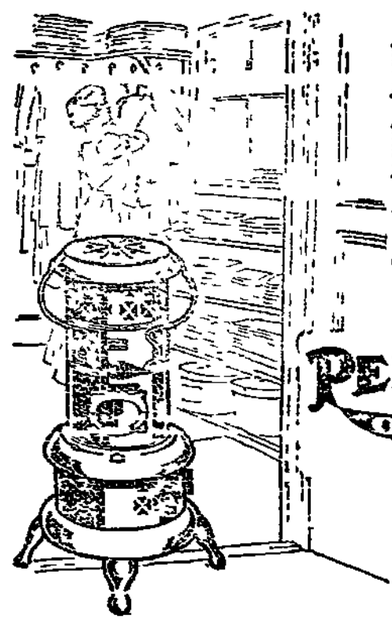
"Say," the speaker began, "I come in your place today and bought one of them dollar alarm clocks, and you set her for me to go off at 5 o'clock in the mornin' D've remember?"

"Yes," said the hardware man. "I remember."

"Well," went on the other, "I've jest found out that I don't have to git up at 5 o'clock in the mornin'"

"Glad to hear it," said the hardware man "but what do you want me to do about it?"

"I want you" said the customer, "to tell me how to unalarm this clock."—Saturday Evening Post



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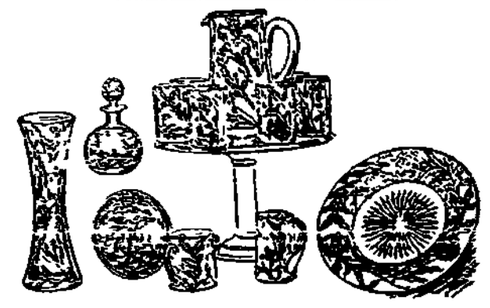

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English Walnuts	125 to 300	Potatoes (Sweet)	100 to 150
Figs	100 to 200	Prunes	125 to 200
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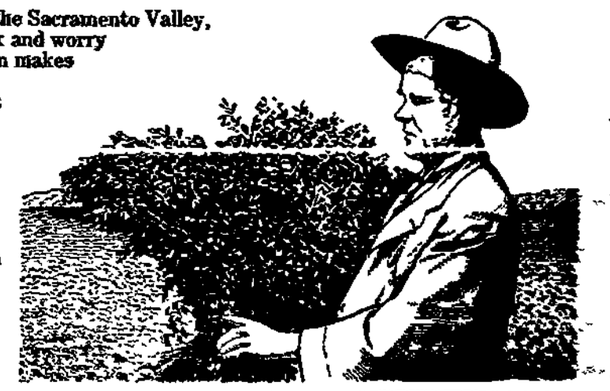

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Seventy miles of road have been re-ilt by the State Highway Depart-ent since the reorganization of that ent of the State government less n eighteen months ago, and con-acts have been let for hundreds of ousands of feet of additional road-ay which will be a part of the new ate system or be under the control counties and townships according the method by which the construc-n was authorized.

Figures compiled at the capitol ow that up to November 1st 4,573,-9 feet or 866 miles of highway had en rebuilt by the State since it un-ook its construction work some ght years ago. In addition to the nstruction work noted above the de-rtment now has pending contracts r the following improvements: ain highways, 347,972 feet; high-ays being built under State aid an, 196,159 feet, and on national id 87,648. Further, within the last e months over 6,000 miles of main ghway have been repaired and 110 iles of road has been resurfaced.

All of these operations which are attered through almost every coun-in the State, show that a good start s been made toward giving the ystone State a first class system of ads. To carry this on, the people the State will be asked next year vote for a $50,000,000 loan for the nstruction of main highways. The al action necessary to lay this [illegible] involves an amend-nt to the constitution, before the ars will be taken by the legisla-re when it meets in Harrisburg next [illegible] The Pennsylvania Motor Fed-[illegible] which has made a study of [illegible] of the State in highways [illegible] urging the speedy adop-[illegible] legislation. The pro-[illegible] year or so in-[illegible] can be brought about in [illegible] the bond issue is [illegible] improved a [illegible] and build

A BATTLE IN THE SEA.

Wanton Slaughter When Bluefish and Menhaden Meet.

Did you ever see bluefish charge a school of menhaden at sea? That is something worth seeing. The bluefish throw their lines forward until they almost surround the menhaden, and they attack them flank and rear. The menhaden fairly make the water boil in their efforts to escape, while all around the enemy is at them tearing relentlessly.

Into all this commotion comes a great shark. It's a picnic for the shark, a school of menhaden all herded up for his benefit. It swims leisurely into the midst of them, opens its mouth and takes in half a dozen menhaden at a gulp. It swims around and bites out half a dozen more from the school. It gorges itself without effort.

But the menhaden are not nearly as much disturbed by the presence of the monster swimming about among them as they are by the charging bluefish. The shark takes half a dozen fish or more at a bite, while the bluefish only bites a piece out of a single fish, but there is only one shark, while there may be thousands of bluefish plunging and tearing incessantly and killing and maiming at every stroke.

The shark's a brute, but under such circumstances the menhaden have less of fear than they have of contempt for him.

WONDERS OF BAALBEC.

A Building Problem That Has Puzzled Modern Engineers.

Baalbec, or Baalbek, is the name given a ruined city lying in ancient Coele-Syria, forty-five miles northwest of Damascus.

There is nothing particularly remarkable about a ruined city being found in the locality mentioned, but the size of the blocks of stone used by the ancient builders of this particular city is something that has puzzled the modern engineers since the day when Baalbec was first made the Mecca of the oriental traveler.

There are immense stones on every side of the visitor to this ancient pile of ruins, but the three most remarkable blocks—said to be the largest ever used in the construction of a building—are in a wall back of the temple of Baal.

These immense stones are respectively sixty-four, sixty-three and sixty-[illegible] feet in thickness, but the most wonderful thing in connection with them is the fact they are at a place in the wall twenty-five feet from the ground. How these immense blocks of granite were ever raised to such a height is a problem that has never yet been solved.

Tiger and Lion.

"One time, in order to test the courage of a Bengal tiger and a lion," said a well known showman, "we placed Chinese crackers in the respective cages and fired the fuses. As soon as the fuses began to burn they attracted the attention of both animals, but in a widely different manner. The lion drew into a corner and watched the proceedings with a distrustful and uneasy eye. The tiger, on the contrary, advanced to the burning fuse with a firm step and unflinching gaze. On reaching the cracker he began to roll it over the floor with his paw, and when it exploded beneath his nose he did not flinch, but continued his examination until perfectly satisfied. The lion betrayed great fear when he heard the report of the explosion and for quite a time could not be coaxed out of his den."—London Tit-Bits.

Victoria and the Future.

Queen Victoria's childlike faith in the future life is touchingly revealed in her published letters to Dr. Boyd Carpenter. The only fear that troubled her was lest those she loved who had left this world before her might have outgrown her companionship. "I feel only this doubt," she wrote to Carpenter, "on account of my dear husband, whose tastes were of a higher and different order from mine and who had different interests perhaps from mine. I am far more fit now to be his companion than I used to be, but still I know that he must have soared higher than me."

Raiment of the Coster.

The English costermonger must be fearfully and wonderfully clothed. Judging from the following coster tailor's advertisement in a London paper:

"A slap-up togs and kicksies builder, with upper Benjamins shipped on a downy plan, with moleskins of hanky panky design, with a double fakement down the sides and artful buttons at bottom, with kicksies cut pegtop, half tight, or to drop loose over the trotters, with fancy vests made to flash the dickey, or to fit tight round the scrag."

Domestic Joys.

"Rosa, my mother-in-law is coming for a long visit tomorrow. Here is a list of her favorite dishes."

"Yes, sir."

"Well, the first time you give us one of these you'll get a week's notice."—Fliegende Blatter.

Not Abel.

In a county court recently an inquiry was made as to why a defendant named Cain was not present. "Because he isn't able," cried a voice from the back of the court.—London Mail.

WHAT IS DIRT?

How the Question Was Answered by a Professor of Chemistry.

An old college professor used to say to his students: "What is dirt? Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentleman. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty grease spot on your coat, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water, and it disappears. It is neither grease, soap, water nor dirt.

"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements.

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk or fuller's earth.

"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Nice, pearly face powder is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt."—Exchange.

MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original head stones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription.

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another:

"Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear.
For Emily Church lies buried here.
Mixed in some perplexing manner
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.

—Exchange.

A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible"— "Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant"— "Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving"— "Mr. Perceval presented a petition praying"— "Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand"— "Lord Lyndhurst said he must entreat of every one to give him credit"— "Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought"— "Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance"—

Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle," as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

Columbia River Thrice Named.

The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Roque, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia, in place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Roque. According to Whitney, the original name of the river was the Orejon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson musingly. "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what the reason can be?"

Sometimes They Are.

[illegible] a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the fouls of the game.—Chicago News.

How will you live mutton, and eat how long.

Society and Personal

(The Mail is anxious to publish all items of local interest, such as accounts of parties, entertainments or [illegible] in this column and invites its readers to hand in notes of such. Names of those present at various functions will be published to a limited number. Personals are especially desired. More important items will be given under special head.)

Mrs. L. T. Jack and daughter Miss Alberta, are spending the day in Pittsburg.

Fremont Might went to Donora this morning on business.

Lester Allman went to Dravosburg today on business.

Attend the Bazaar at the M. E. church Thursday and Friday. 1-tp

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crawford have returned from Longport, Ind., after several weeks' visit with the former's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pahl have gone to South Duquesne to visit Mrs. Pahl's sister, Mrs. T. F. Osken, before returning to their home in Parkersburg W. Va.

Mrs. Robert Hormell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. F. Oskin, in Duquesne.

Mrs. George Barnett is spending the day in Pittsburg.

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BOWLING

Charleroi bowlers defeated Uniontown duck pinists in a two men and a five men match on the Casino alleys here Wednesday night. In the two men match, Briggs and Kuhn rolled against Carroll and Lyons of Uniontown. All the games were good. Carroll got high score in the five men men match, with 163 and 162 in two of three games. The score:

Two Men Match.

Uniontown.

Carroll	119	94	116
Lyons	121	120	120
Total	240	214	236

Charleroi.

Briggs	136	105	112
Kuhn	128	109	123
Total	264	214	235

Five-Men Match.

Uniontown.

Carroll	163	162	98
King	105	87	114
Keener	117	120	86
O'Neil	127	100	110
Lyons	116	130	94
Total	628	599	502

Charleroi.

Kuhn	101	104	106
Osborne	122	132	118
E. Davis	116	125	112
S. Woodward	123	130	125
Briggs	137	136	135
Total	599	627	596

All kinds of aprons at the Methodist Bazaar, December 5 and 6. 114-t1

Read the Mail

Junior Thankful Dinner.

One of the Sunday school organizations that distributed Thanksgiving dinners to needy persons in Charleroi was the Second Year Junior class of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school, of which John Martin is the teacher. A number of families were supplied.

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Business Men to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the Charleroi Business Men's Association will be held in the association rooms, in the Kirk and Clark building tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Seraphin Teston, Deceased.

Having been appointed Auditor in the above estate, to hear and pass upon all claims which may be presented against said estate, to hear and pass upon all questions which may be raised as to the distribution of the balance remaining in the hands of the Administrator, to ascertain [illegible] creditors and persons entitled to participate in the distribution of said balance and to report a schedule of distribution to the Court, notice is hereby given that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at the office of Alex M. Templeton, Esq., Room No. 515, Washington Trust Building, Washington, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, December 28th, 1912, at ten o'clock a. m. at which time all parties interested may appear if they see proper.

Hugh E. Fergus,
Auditor.

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